AG German Institute



STUDENT ORIENTATION HANDOUT

Welcome to AG German Institute

Where German can take you, and how we support you on the way.

Nairobi · Mombasa · Eldoret · Kisumu · Nakuru

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WHAT WE DO

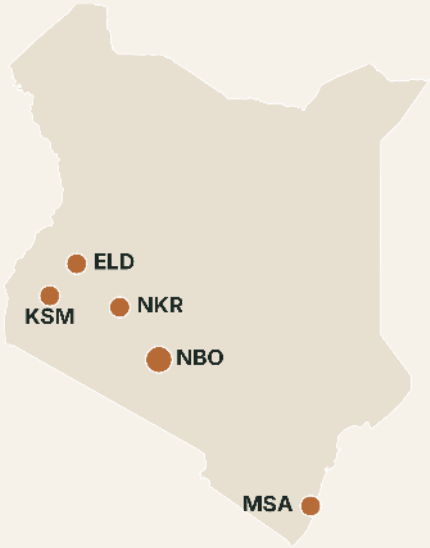
One institute, four services

German training
A1 to B2 at five locations across Kenya.

ÖSD exams
Internationally recognised German certificates, examined in our own centre.

Job placements
For Kenyan registered nurses, physiotherapists and ECE teachers.

Certified translation
English to German translation of your documents.



AG is a school. Your German course is the foundation, and everything else builds on it.

WHERE GERMAN CAN TAKE YOU

Five pathways that start with your German

1 Family reunification
from A1

2 Ausbildung
ÖSD B2

3 University
Study visa

4 Au Pair
B1 at interview

5 Jobs in Germany
Recognised qualification

The higher your level, the more doors open.



PATHWAY 1

Family reunification and spouse visa

For students who have family in Germany, or are married to a German citizen or resident, and want to join them there.

Official information: Federal Foreign Office, visa for the reunification of spouses and of minor children.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

A1

German certificate

Do not stop at A1

Daily life in Germany runs in German: government offices, hospitals, transport and workplaces. Stronger German makes settling in much easier and opens more opportunities.

PATHWAY 2

Ausbildung: learn a profession in Germany

Work practical shifts in a company

Learn at a vocational school

Earn a monthly stipend from day one

MONTHLY STIPEND

≈ €1,000

Rises each year. Usually three years. Depends on the field.

POPULAR FIELDS

Healthcare (nursing and elderly care)
IT and technology
Hospitality and service
Skilled trades

After the Ausbildung you have good chances of a full time job. Research fields that match your interests on ausbildung.de.

AUSBILDUNG WITH AG

To be considered you need: **an ÖSD B2 certificate**, to be **a current AG student**, and **KCSE grade C- or better**.

AG may occasionally connect interested students with Ausbildung opportunities, only through official student channels. **No security deposit required.** Anyone who asks you for a deposit in AG's name is not AG. Placements are not guaranteed, and only students with strong B2 skills can be considered.

PATHWAY 3

Studying at a German university

Recognised degrees
High quality education, valued worldwide.

Strong job market
Good career prospects after graduation.

18 month visa
To find work after you graduate.

Work while studying
Up to 20 hours per week.



WHY APPLY THROUGH AG, NOT AN AGENT

No consultation fee
Our support costs you nothing.

Full visa management
We handle the whole visa process.

Blocked account setup
We help you open your Sperrkonto.

Housing guidance
We guide your search for a room.

Partner universities: IU International University (English taught: Business, Management, Data and IT) and SRH University (German and English taught, many fields). Both are private universities.

PLANNING YOUR STUDIES

Plan your finances early

from €6,000
per year at private universities such as IU.

€0
tuition at most public universities. Baden-Württemberg charges non EU students €1,500 per semester. Every student pays a semester contribution of about €250 to €350.

€11,904
blocked account for the visa, paid out to you as €992 per month for your living costs.

Amounts as of October 2026. Check the current blocked account amount on the German Embassy Nairobi website before you apply. For public universities, applications usually go through uni-assist.de. More information: DAAD.

INTERESTED IN OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES? TALK TO

Paulina 0796 759 256

PATHWAY 4

Au Pair: live with a German host family

You live with a family in Germany and help with childcare and light household tasks. Best for people who genuinely enjoy working with children.

Female
candidates

18 to 26
years old

B1
German at the interview

€0
No security deposit

2 to 4 months
Waiting time for a visa appointment. Register on the embassy waiting list early, not only after you reach B1.

HAVE YOUR APPOINTMENT? WHATSAPP

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PATHWAY 5

Working in Germany as a qualified professional

Depending on your education and qualifications, you may find direct employment in Germany. First check whether your Kenyan degree and institution are recognised.



anabin
Database to check whether your institution and degree are recognised in Germany.

Anerkennung in Deutschland
Official portal for the recognition of foreign qualifications.

YOUR EXAMS

Internal and external exams

Four parts: **Lesen** reading · **Hören** listening · **Sprechen** speaking · **Schreiben** writing

Internal exams

Mandatory · included in your course fee

WHEN

Halfway through and at the end of every level

TO MOVE UP

50% Lesen, 50% Hören
60% Schreiben, 60% Sprechen
60% on average in all modules

IF YOU FAIL

You repeat the level at your own expense

External exams (ÖSD)

Optional · separate exam fee

PURPOSE

Official certificate for the embassy, employers or studying. Usually needed for the higher levels.

VALID FOR THE EMBASSY

No expiry date, but the embassy wants it no older than one year.

ÖSD EXAMS

Your internationally recognised certificate

ösd Prüfungszentrum

A1, A2 and B2

Two modules: written and speaking.

B1

Four separate modules. The same exam as at the Goethe-Institut.

Three exam centres

Nairobi, Mombasa and Eldoret.

All levels, every month

A1, A2, B1 and B2, several times a month.

Results in 4 to 6 weeks

Corrected in Austria. Express: within 12 working days at most.

You pay the exam fee

The ÖSD fee is not part of your course fee.

BOOK ONLINE

germaninstitute.co.ke/osd

OR IN YOUR STUDENT PORTAL

Section ÖSD

FROM YOUR CONTRACT

What we expect from you

80%

Attendance in every level

Below 80%, you repeat the level at your own expense.

60%

On average in each internal exam

Plus the minimum per module above. If you fail, you repeat the level at your own expense.

Upfront

Tuition paid in advance

At the start of each month. Unpaid fees mean no classes and no access to our learning platforms.

These are examples. Your contract contains all the rules, and every one of them applies. Please read it carefully.

OUR VALUES

A safe place to learn

Respect

We treat every student, teacher and staff member with respect, in class, in the building and online.

Zero tolerance

No harassment and no discrimination of any kind, by students or by staff. It can mean immediate exclusion.

Your voice counts

We value your feedback. Tell us what works well and what we should do better.

SOMETHING WRONG? WRITE TO US

wecare@germaninstitute.co.ke

For feedback, complaints, or anything that makes you feel unsafe or treated unfairly.



This handout summarises your student orientation. It does not replace your student contract, which contains all the rules that apply to you. Figures and requirements can change; always check the current version at germaninstitute.co.ke. Edition October 2026.